

each of said two shoe press units comprising a circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt and a press shoe, such that said circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt is arranged to be guided over said press shoe in a region of said press nip;

at least one driving device; and

at least two driven continuous press belts each drivably coupled to said at least one driving device and arranged such that at least one of said at least two driven continuous press belts are positioned on each side of the fibrous material web to guide the fibrous material web through said press nip,

wherein at least one of said at least two press belts comprises a water permeable wire web, and at least one of said at least two sealing belts comprises an open press surface that is at least one of blind bored and grooved, and

wherein a press plane through said press nip is inclined in relation to a vertical reference.

21. (Amended) A shoe press for processing a fibrous material web, comprising:

two shoe press units arranged to form an essentially level press nip elongated in a web travel direction;

each of said two shoe press units comprising a circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt and a press shoe, such that said circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt is arranged to be guided over said press shoe in a region of said press nip;

at least one driving device; and

at least two driven continuous press belts each drivably coupled to said at least one driving device and arranged such that at least one of said at least two driven continuous press belts are positioned on each side of the fibrous material web to guide the fibrous material web through said press nip,

wherein at least one of said at least two press belts comprises a water permeable wire web, and at least one of said at least two sealing belts comprises an open press surface that is at least one of blind bored and grooved, and

wherein, outside of said press nip, said at least two press belts are guided separately from said at least two sealing belts.

22. (Amended) A shoe press for processing a fibrous material web, comprising:
two shoe press units arranged to form an essentially level press nip elongated in a web travel direction;

each of said two shoe press units comprising a circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt and a press shoe, such that said circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt is arranged to be guided over said press shoe in a region of said press nip;

at least one driving device; and

at least two driven continuous press belts each drivably coupled to said at least one driving device and arranged such that at least one of said at least two driven continuous press